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SUBJECT: PL-480 WHEAT SHIPMENTS TO BOLIVIA

1. IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY INQUIRY BOLIVIAN MILLERS' ORGANIZATION HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT WHEAT SHIPMENTS TO BOLIVIA BEING DELAYED IN CHILEAN AND PERUVIAN PORTS. ON NOVEMBER 23, 11,918 M.T. STILL LEFT IN ANTOFAGASTA FROM SHIPMENTS THAT ARRIVED AFTER MID-OCTOBER.

2. GOB OFFICIALS BLAME DELAY IN ANTOFAGASTA ON CUMULATIVE CONGESTION THERE. WE HAVE IMPRESSION THAT CURRENT BOLIVIAN-CHILEAN DISPUTE OVER PORT AND RAIL CHARGES MAY BE CONTRIBUTING FACTOR. DELAYS IN MATARANI SAID TO BE DUE SOUTHER PERU RAIL STOPPAGE DUE STRIKE NOVEMBER 14 BUT LOADINGS BEGAN AGAIN NOVEMBER 21. BACKLOG IN PORT MAY ALSO BE DUE TO PORTS LIMITED CAPABILITIES TO HANDLE SEVERAL ARRIVALS IN LAST MONTH.

3. BOLIVIAN OFFICIALS ARE OPTIMISTIC THAT DELAYS WILL NOT RPT NOT AFFECT CONDITION OF WHEAT AND THAT WHEAT WILL ARRIVE IN TIME TO AVOID RENEWED SHORTAGES HERE. THEY STRESS THAT WHEAT SHIPMENTS GIVEN FIRST PRIORITY. EMBOFFS NONETHELESS
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